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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In U.S. Application of: )  
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Applicant(s): Okamoto et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/588,923 )  
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Conf. No.: 9435 )  
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	8	20	0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	4	0	\$84.00	\$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	\$
Total Additional Fee					\$ 0.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$

- (X) Amendment C.
- (X) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$ 930.00.
- (X) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$750.00.
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 (with copies of cited references).
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

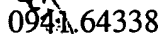
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) within either of the following time periods, whichever occurs last:

- (a) within three months of either the filing date of the national application or the date of entry into the national stage; or
- (b) before the mailing date of first office action on the merits (i.e., not including actions such as restriction requirements).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

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